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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the third full paragraph of page 15 as follows:

An SEM micrograph of a completed nanofiber probe tip is shown in FIG. 4. An exposed VACNF tip 410 can be clearly seen at the apex of the passivated VACNF 420. It can be appreciated that the electrochemical passivation coating is contiguous between the VACNF and the tungsten interconnect 430.

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